

# Griffs Climbing Fast---Maxam's Run Decides Title

## LOOKING 'EM OVER

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### Southpaws Are Not So Much

There is much bunk in the daily history of baseball and basebatters. For instance, there is the alleged mastery of left-handed batsmen said to be possessed by southpaw pitchers. That is an excellent figment of the imagination fading from view swiftly. There are some glaring examples this spring that disprove the theory. Let's look at Babe Ruth and Joe Judge.

Babe Ruth has already battered eleven home runs. He has connected for six of them off southpaw pitchers. He has assaulted the pill as served by Herb Pennock, Dick Kerr, Claud Williams, Carl Weiland, Dutch Leonard and Harry Harper, driving the leather far away for the complete circuit. It matters not a whit to the bambino with the Yankees that a southpaw pitcher is on the mound. They all look alike to him. And, as a matter of fact, to a good batsman it makes no difference whether the pitching is of the orthodox or heterodox type.

Last year Babe Ruth made baseball history when he crashed out 29 home runs, passing all former records. He stands an excellent chance of bettering his own mark before October rings down the curtain in the big show. Now of those twenty-nine circuit slams, nine came off southpaw pitching. Practically one-third of his homers came when southpaws were twirling. The average club seldom offers more than a few left-handers to four pitchers during any series, so it is easily seen that Ruth faced far more right-handers than left-handers, and yet one-third of his record was compiled against the southpaw type of twirling.

Joe Judge, like Ruth, hits from the wrong side of the plate. When he reported to the Washington club he had the idea that he could not do as well against left-handers as against right-handers. Indeed, for some weeks Mark Griffith used to pull Judge out if the line-up when opposing southpaws. But Judge's speed and fielding ability required his presence in the game every day. Thus he got plenty of practice against the left-handers and gradually got over his ridiculous idea that he could do nothing against them.

Judge Batters 'Em All. This spring Judge is the best batsman on the Washington club. He steps up to the plate with all the confidence of a successful hitter. He batters 'em all, too, left and right handers with equal weight. It means nothing to him that a southpaw is in there with wide hooks. He looks over every offering and hits one as well as another.

Let's look over the list of regulars sitting for at least 300 this spring in the American League. Not counting pitchers, like Zachary, or pinch hitters like Hyatt and Eddie Murphy, there are twenty-five players in the 300 class. Of these twenty-five eight are left-handed hitters. They are Doc Lockston, Joe Jackson, Joe Judge, Pats Speaker, George Sleser, Sam Rice, Harry Hooper, and Zeb Meekins.

Close behind the charmed circle are Eddie Collins and Babe Ruth, both southpaw batters hitting for more than 200 and certain of finishing in the 300 class. This merely goes to show that good batsmen are good batsmen, whether opposing left or right handed pitching. Furthermore, it is usually a left-handed batsman who wins the batting crown. In ten years only Ty Cobb and John Speaker have triumphed. Both hit from the wrong side.

Why We Need Pitchers. Just why the Griffins need some old-fashioned Washington pitching may be gleaned from a peek at the batting of the young men gathered by Prexy Griffith for the 1920 campaign. Study hurling will carry the team right up the line until it is lighting for top honors.

The Washington infield, consisting of Judge, Harris, Shannon, O'Neill and Ellerbe, is hitting for 297 in thirty-one games. The outfield, made up of Roth, Rice, and Milan, over the same distance has an average of 309 with the stick. Now these figures are, been made by the regulars, asking no count of certain high averages obtained by pitchers.

In the past Washington pitchers have always been called the prize left luck dogs of the league. They have been made the foe to one run, out that would be enough to lose. His own team mates would be unable to get even that one run.

While it would be much to expect the present high averages to be maintained throughout the campaign, nevertheless, it is practically certain

## McFadden Proves Help to Central

Pennsylvania Youth With Hugh Johnston Spread Eagles Annual Meet.

Last December a husky youth named McFadden, who hails from Canton, Pa., walked into Central High School hung up his hat and went to school. The youngster, who weighs about 165 pounds walked on to the field in the Central stadium yesterday and with Hugh Johnston proceeded to land the annual field and track meet for Central.

McFadden had a sprained ankle a week ago. Yesterday, despite the ankle which he favored perceptibly, he set a new mark in the javelin throw at 130 feet, broke the pole vault record in winning at 10 feet 8 inches, won the high jump at 5 feet 5 inches, one-inch below the record, and tried for a new mark.

McFadden's three first places, wholly unexpected by Central until this spring, coupled with the sterling performances of Hugh Johnston in the 100, 220, and discus with a third in the broad jump for good measure accounted for 31 points for Central.

The Mt. Pleasant lads scored 59 points, Western got 40, and Tech made 32. Five records were broken and all records participated in the record performances.

McFadden's javelin throw and pole vault mark accounted for two of the old marks. Johnny Gross, Tech's captain in the much talked of mile, won in 4:45, breaking the old mark, showing Montgomery the way by fifteen yards; Arthur Nicols, a Western high jumper, did 5 feet 5 inches, and Walter Nordlinger, of Western, did 39 feet 2 1/2 inches in the hop, step and jump, another new record.

Central failed to put in a relay team in the mile race, and Tech and Western fought it out in 3:41.2. Tech winning after Sherman, of Western, allowed Pugh to make up a twenty-two yard lead.

Kern, of Central; Burgess, of Tech; Manson, of Western; Conrad, of the same school; Pugh, of Tech, and Newby, of Central, were out in front with first-class performances. The fact that five new records were established and two were closely approximated is an instance of the keenness of competition.

The meet was run over two days and yesterday's affair was the snappiest ever held in the history of outdoor track competition here as the trials were gotten out of the way Friday.

## MORE PHILADELPHIANS WILL SHOW AT ARDMORE

Jack Sweeney and Joe Brady Are Booked for Ten-Round Contests Here.

Two more Philadelphia boxers have been signed by Manager Sullivan for his next ring show at Ardmore on June 8. They are Jack Sweeney, a tough featherweight, and Joe Brady, who ranks with the best of the Quaker City flyweights. Neither had been at Ardmore before. Manager Sullivan, believing that Washington fans want to see some new faces in the ring.

Sweeney is carded to box ten rounds with Frankie Rice, the slugging Baltimore heavyweight. Rice battled Young Bowen to a draw at Ardmore a few weeks ago and it is possible that the winner of the Sweeney-Rice contest will be booked up with Bowen. Joe Brady is to tackle Patry Donovan, Washington's crack light flyweight, for a ten-round bout. Brady has been slugging most of his rivals since he hooked up with Donovan. It will not be surprising if this bout ends with great suddenness before it has progressed far.

## BALTIMORE PAIR LOOKS GOOD IN TENNIS EVENT

C. H. Charest, veteran one-armed tennis player of Baltimore, with William Sweeney, the junior Baltimore champion, look best in the Middle Atlantic doubles championship tournament now in progress at Columbia Country Club.

The Baltimore pair will probably play George and Hillier today the matches advancing to the semi-final round. Tomorrow the championship singles matches will start.

## SOME SPORTS IN BRIEF.

Connie Mack has sold George Burns, first baseman and pinch-hitter, to the Cleveland Indians. Five canoe clubs hold regatta at 2 o'clock tomorrow on the Potomac at Sycamore Island. Man of War, covering the mile around three turns in 1:35 4-5 at Belmont Park set a new world's record. Sunbird did it in 1:36 1-5 in August, 1918, at Saratoga. Fairy Wand equaled it at the same track a year later.

After winning seventeen straight games, Georgetown's varsity nine fell down before the strong Fordham team at New York yesterday, 5 to 2. It was the last game of the season for the Hilltoppers. It was the eighth straight win for Waters, Fordham's pitcher.

Maryland State defeated Johns Hopkins, 8 to 4, at College Park. Bob Knodes' fine pitching featured. Benny Valger, featherweight challenger, is recovering from an operation for appendicitis at a hospital in New York and is out of the game for months.

The case of Lee Magee vs. the Chicago National League club is marked for trial June 7 at Cincinnati.

The annual benefit game between the Army and Marine team will be played tomorrow at American League park, with Vice President Marshall throwing out the first ball. General Pershing will occupy a box.

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## GRIFFMEN WITHIN STEP OF FIRST FOUR HONORS

By ROBERT W. MAXWELL. PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—The Griffith-Richardson combination, which is another way of referring to the Washington ball club, won everything except the intercollegiate at Shibe Park yesterday afternoon. The Athletics were tackled low and hard and thrown for a loss of two games. The scores, 11 to 6 and 5 to 0, show that the plurities were unusually large. This pair of victories boosted the pennant chances of the Griffins considerably, and put them within a step of the first division.

The Senators lost no time in winning the first game, and it was ditto with the second. Griff has discovered a new way to cop the verdict, and the new idea is working wonderfully. All his ball club has to do is step out in one inning, put over some hard hits, and score enough runs to put the other side on the defensive. On Friday, four runs were made in the first frame, and in the opener yesterday Scott Perry was socked for an even half dozen. Then, in the nightcap, Roy Moore fell victim to the plot, and yielded four markers in the fourth.

Griffmen Lead League. One might imagine after perusing the above that the Washington players are hitting the pill these days. That impression is absolutely correct, for according to the latest figures, compiled last night, the Senators are leading the league in club batting with an average of .304. Some day that mark will be equalled, but we doubt it.

Anyway, the average was inflated considerably in the first game when a total of nineteen hits were made. Scott Perry was driven out of the box after the second inning, when twelve of those hits were registered. Twelve batters faced the big hurler in that stanza, and that was too much even for Connie Mack.

After that, Connie used up three more of his boxmen, but Zachary pitched better ball than all four of them put together. His left-handed slants were quite effective, and never, during the game, Zach also starred with the willow, busting two singles and a double out of four trips platterward.

Now Up To Jim Shaw. Walter Johnson pitched a great game in the finale, and made Griff smile with gurgling glee. The old Fox has been worrying about his star pitcher, and now that he has come through, it is up to Jim Shaw to do likewise. With Shaw winning some games and Johnson hitting on all twelve cylinders, Washington will have a lot of work in the league.

Griff has pulled the unexpected this year. He grabbed off a flock of kids, distributed them all over the infield, with the exception of first base, and the voters of the city are cheering. Harris, Shannon, and Ellerbe are acting like veterans, and with the star outfield to back them up, the only thing needed to win games is pitching. The team looks the part, and better than that, it is in the game. Val Pichich was largely responsible for the second victory of the afternoon, when he busted a homer over the low wall in the corner pocket of left field. The fourth game, when men from Washington were on the sacks at the time.

He Hits a Couple. Walter Johnson allowed two hits in the first inning of the second game, but both were in the back. He nicked the ball to the outfield, and the outfielders experienced some difficulty in locating the ball. Sam Rice lost two liners hit by Thomas and both went for triples. Jimmy Dykes presented Sam with a base blow when he lost his high one.

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## STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE. W. L. Pct. Cleveland, 22 11 .674 Washington, 21 12 .636 Boston, 21 13 .615 St. Louis, 13 20 .394 New York, 21 15 .583 Philadelphia, 12 23 .343 Chicago, 19 16 .543 Detroit, 10 23 .305

YESTERDAY'S GAMES. Washington, 11; Philadelphia, 6. Cleveland, 10; Philadelphia, 6. Detroit, 5; St. Louis, 3. Chicago, 7; Cleveland, 1. New York, 4; Boston, 3. New York, 5; Boston, 3.

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NATIONAL LEAGUE. W. L. Pct. Chicago, 22 15 .595 Boston, 19 17 .469 Cincinnati, 21 15 .583 St. Louis, 16 20 .444 Brooklyn, 19 14 .569 New York, 14 24 .364 Pittsburgh, 18 15 .545 Philadelphia, 13 22 .371

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## MAXAM'S RUNNING LANDS TITLE MEET

Capital Boy Flashes Through for Four Points in Last Track Event.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—Robert S. Maxam, a Washington boy, who was captain of the Western High School track team in 1918, is Penn's hero today. Maxam's effort in the 220-yard run, the last running event of the day in the intercollegiate field and track meet yesterday, landed the classic for the Red and Blue. It was Penn's first win since 1913.

Penn and Princeton were bunched so closely that it was anybody's meet. The furlong, the last track event of the day, found Maxam coming out of the bunch with a burst of speed to land second place with four points. Had Maxam been beaten by Clark, of Princeton, the Tigers would have won their first intercollegiate since 1876. As it was, Penn gained 30 1/2 points, Princeton got 29, Dartmouth 24 and Cornell 20.

One world's record was broken when Earl Thompson, of Dartmouth, stepped the high hurdles in 14-5/8, breaking Bob Simpson's mark. Landon, of Yale, did 6 feet 4 in the high jump, breaking the intercollegiate mark set by Moffitt, of Penn.

The California athletes shone. Leonard Stanford and the University of California performers totaled better than 30 points between them. Thompson won the 120 hurdles in 14-5/8; Howard Cann, N. Y. U., won the shot at 45 feet 10 1/2 inches; Larry Shields, of Penn State, took the mile at 4:27.2; O. O. Hendrickson, of California, won the quarter in 4:52, with Maxam second; Landon, of Yale, won the high jump at 6 feet 4 inches; R. E. Brown, of Princeton, was winner in the 100 and 220 at 10:1 and 21:4; Earl Myers, of Dartmouth, won the pole vault at 12 feet 6 inches; H. H. Brown, of Williams, ran the two miles in 9:27.3; Lander won the broad jump with 23 feet 6 inch; Eby annexed the half running in 1:58; W. B. Wells, of Stanford, won the low hurdles in 23-3/4, while J. W. Merchant, of California, took the hammer throw with 141 feet 2 1/2 inches.

NAVY CREW VICTORIOUS IN SCHUYLKILL REGATTA. Defeats Syracuse, Princeton and the Union Boat Club for Steward's Cup.

PHILADELPHIA, May 30.—Dick Glendon's Navy crew is fairly entitled to premier honors among college eight. On Friday the Middies won the Childs Cup. Yesterday they displayed magnificent form in defeating Syracuse, Princeton, and the Union Boat Club on the Schuylkill river.

The victory over Syracuse was sweet revenge for the triumph of the Orange at Annapolis a couple of weeks ago. Ten Ecks' crew giving the Middies their first beating in two years. Yesterday the tables were reversed, the Navy finishing ahead of Syracuse.

The junior eight from Annapolis also triumphed in the Henley regatta, with Syracuse, Princeton, Harvard, and Union Boat Club finishing in that order.

## HORNSBY RETAINS HIS LEADERSHIP IN LEAGUE

Rogers Hornsby, the St. Louis Cardinal's star batsman, still retains his clouting leadership in the National League, though Heinie Groh, the Reds' captain, is giving him a great tussle for top honors. Hornsby's average this week is .408 for 25 games. Groh hitting for .392 in the same number of contests.

Following are the .300 hitters and the team averages in the Heydler circuit:

Player	Club	G	A	R	H	R	S	B	P	C
Cravath, Phil.	8	22	122	25	1	4	.429			
Hornsby, St. L.	22	122	26	49	1	4	.408			
Groh, Cin.	24	118	20	48	0	2	.392			
Nicholson, Pitt.	20	42	16	0	1	.380				
Alexander, Chi.	11	112	24	0	0	.375				
Daubert, Cin.	21	112	24	0	0	.375				
Fournier, St. L.	22	119	15	40	0	.372				
Gray, Phil.	19	94	10	24	0	.372				
Bresler, Cin.	10	15	3	5	0	.333				
Towmy, Phil.	12	12	15	4	0	.323				
Duncan, Cin.	13	124	18	40	0	.323				
Williams, Phil.	22	124	24	41	1	.320				
Smith, N. Y.	15	60	3	16	0	.320				
Stock, St. L.	22	119	24	8	0	.319				
Robertson, Chi.	20	111	15	35	3	.315				
Neale, Cin.	28	102	20	22	0	.313				
Janviri, St. L.	11	64	5	20	0	.313				
Roush, Cin.	23	125	17	39	1	.312				
Lavan, St. L.	22	61	19	0	0	.312				
Rigbee, Phil.	24	99	15	26	1	.303				
O'Farrell, Chi.	14	32	6	10	0	.303				
Wheat, Phil.	29	122	27	17	1	.301				
Konetchy, Bkn.	29	123	10	27	0	.301				
Flack, Chi.	24	137	24	41	0	.300				
Benetti, Phil.	22	120	17	38	0	.300				
Young, N. Y.	20	110	22	23	1	.300				
Le Bour'v, Phil.	25	80	7	24	2	.300				

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## SCHOOLS WILL PLAY.

Central and Western are due to play Tuesday afternoon at American League Park. A win for Central will annex the championship. A win for Western will cause a triple tie for first place.

## LEAGUE RIGHT BUSY.

The American League has played 250 games to date; 8,448 times at bat, scoring 1,112 runs; batted out 2,276 hits, 67 home runs and stole 167 bases, for a batting percentage as a league for .268.

## NEIS IS A FIZZLE.

Touted as "another Ty Cobb" all through the training season, Bernie Neis, of the Dodgers, has proved a fizzle against major league pitching. His latest batting average being .151 in twenty-one games.

## HE'S A WHITEWASHER.

Harold Carlson, the Pirate's twirler, has three shutout victories to his credit already.

## Here It Is

The Grouch of Glen Echo says: "Whatever a man boasts about is usually not much to boast about."

## COBB BEGINS TO CLOUT

Ty Cobb, of the Detroit Tigers, after a very slow start, produced his first batting streak of the current race; it lasted ten consecutive contests, when Allan Russell stopped Cobb, on May 21. The streak yielded 16 hits in 39 tries, for a mark of .410.

## CUTSHAW IN LOW BERTH.

George Cutshaw, the Pirates' second sacker, is hitting for .198 in twenty-seven games this season. He days as a major leaguer are fast coming to an end.

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